

Over 2.8 million New Jerseyans have already signed up for the Do Not Call Program (representing approximately two out of every three residential phone lines in the state). The program has been a resounding success; many residents report almost a 100 percent drop in unwanted sales calls. Most likely due to its success, the law is under a coordinated attack from telemarketers who want the ability to call people despite the fact they have already signed up to stop telemarketing sales calls.

The Federal Communication Commission has not yet decided if it will overturn New Jersey and other states' Do Not Call laws that are stronger than the federal program. Specifically, businesses want the ability to contact any person on the Do Not Call list who they have conducted business with during the last 18 months. The New Jersey law does not include this exemption.

Governor Codey is adamantly opposed to any weakening of the program. He is calling on me, a New Jersey citizen, to take a moment and file a comment with the FCC about their thoughts that New Jersey's law should be weakened. It must not be weakened.

I'm answering the governor's call with my comments above! Thank you. EL